

COUNCIL CHAMBERS -- CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL -- CITY OF LODI

Wednesday, May 1, 1940

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was called to order by the Mayor at 8:00 o'clock P.M. of Wednesday, May 1, 1940. Councilmen Bull, Graffigna, Riggs, Weihe and Steele present, none absent.

The minutes of the last meeting held April 17, 1940 were read, approved as read and so endorsed by the Mayor.

Councilman Weihe from the Committee on Parks presented a tentative agreement for the use of the new stadium by the Lodi Union High School. Mr. J. E. Conklin representing the student body of the union high school stated that \$311.00 had been advanced so far for the stadium by the student body and that this body proposed to advance an additional \$3,000.00 by October 1, 1940 to pay for the lighting, this sum to be treated as rent paid in advance and refunded by an annual charge of \$250.00 a year as rent for the Lodi-Stockton game. A tentative schedule for the use of the lights and an estimate that \$825.00 annually would accrue to the City from high school activities if a head tax of 5¢ was imposed was also submitted. Superintendent of Public Utilities, John A. Henning, stated that a minimum charge of at least \$230.00 should be imposed if the rate of 2¢ per kilowatt hour was established for use of the lighting facilities. On motion of Councilman Weihe, seconded by Councilman Graffigna the City Attorney was directed to prepare an agreement between the City of Lodi and the Lodi Union High School for the use of the stadium to be submitted to the Council at its next meeting.

Mr. Ezra Ehrhardt representing the Lodi Motorcycle Club asked assurance that his club could use the incomplete stadium for its meet to be held on May 19, 1940. On motion of Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Councilman Bull, permission was formally granted.

Mr. Jack Carter representing the Lodi Festival Association asked for a contribution from the City for a float to be paraded in San Francisco at the opening of the Treasure Island. He estimated its cost to be about \$150.00 and \$125.00 for operating expenses and asked that the City contribute the sum of \$75.00 as its share. At the direction of the Mayor the matter was referred to the City Clerk to ascertain if sufficient money was left in the City's music and promotion fund to donate this sum. The same action was taken in regard to a trip sponsored by the California Automobile Association for the Junior Traffic Patrol Officers to Treasure Island on May 27, 1940 as presented by Councilman Bull.

Captain C. F. White of the Battery F, 143rd Field Artillery notified the Council by letter that if the City would install a sprinkler system and lawn at the Armory, the lawn would be taken care of by the State of California. No action taken.

A letter from Mr. J. A. Henning transmitting applications for raises in pay for linemen and line foremen and the application of F. R. Smith for additional automobile allowance was ordered deferred to be taken up at a later meeting.

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The renewal of the cooperative agreement now existing between the City of Lodi and the United States Geological Survey for the investigation of ground water conditions on the Mokelumne River was also laid over to be taken up on the 15th of May.

Five applications for caretaker at the stadium were received and ordered submitted.

Helmle Brothers filed a new proposal in regard to the opening of Pine Street through their "Better Homes" Subdivision. This was ordered laid over.

Proposals for the purchase of sludge from the Sewage Disposal Plant were received from George Fuhrman and Malcolm Lea offering to purchase this material at \$1.25 per ton dry weight. In connection with these offers the City Engineer filed a laboratory analysis of the sludge.

License applications No. 168 and 169 being found in order were approved and licenses ordered issued.

Three notices of change of ownership of premises where alcoholic beverages are sold were received from the State Board of Equalization and no objections offered.

The bond of J. Hamilton Davis as Treasurer and ex-officio tax collector of the City with the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company as surety in the amount of \$20,000 was approved by the adoption of Resolution No. 1045 introduced on motion of Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Councilman Bull and adopted.

Resolution No. 1045

A RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND OF THE CITY TREASURER

RESOLVED that the annexed bond of J. HAMILTON DAVIS, as City Treasurer and ex-officio Tax Collector of this City with THE AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY as surety in the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, be, and the same is hereby approved.

The Mayor of this City is hereby directed to endorse this approval on the said bond and file the same with the City Clerk as provided by law.

E. F. GRAFFIGNA
Chairman, Finance Committee

The Mayor then endorsed the bond in approval of the same as directed.

The monthly report of the Chief of Police and that of the Poundmaster for the same month of April were received, read and ordered filed. The quarterly report of the Treasurer and City Clerk for the quarter ended March 31, 1940 were received, read and ordered filed.

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Claims as audited by the Finance Committee in the amount of \$21,775.96 were allowed.

The report of A. F. Harrison, special auditor for the city covering the period ended June 30, 1938 was received and ordered referred to the members of the Council.

The Fire Chief, Earl May by letter recommended that two additional drivers be added to the Fire Department and three additional sleepers be provided quarters at the Firemen's Hall, also that booster brakes be installed on trucks No. 2 and 3 and that Engine No. 2 be equipped with pneumatic tires and also recommended that the present air whistle be repaired or replaced. These matters were ordered laid over until the annual budget was set up with the exception of the matter of the air whistle which was referred to the Committee on Public Health and Safety with authority to try out new horns and report to the Council.

Chief of Police, C. S. Jackson at this time addressed the Council recommending that two new men be added to the department on the 15th of May and one other man this fall. He recommended at this time that Virgil Ledbetter and Elmer Briscoe be appointed. Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Mayor Steele moved that the appointments of Mr. Ledbetter and Mr. Briscoe be confirmed and on a record vote the motion carried, Councilman Bull and Councilman Weihe voting no. Both Mr. Weihe and Mr. Bull voiced no objections to Mr. Ledbetter.

A proposed lease of Block 36 "the old Salem School Ground" as submitted by the City Attorney and explained by him was presented. On motion of Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Councilman Weihe and carried, by unanimous vote, the Mayor was authorized to execute this lease with the Lodi School District, by the adoption of Resolution No. 1046.

On motion of Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Councilman Riggs, the Clerk was directed to advertise for bids on fire hose and valves in accordance with specifications of the City Engineer.

Fire Chief Earl May addressed the Council in regard to the immediate necessity of action to clean weeds and grass on vacant lots. Mr. May was informed that this was to be taken up at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. O. Campbell of the Public Administration Service of the American Municipal Association explained the functions of this association to the Council.

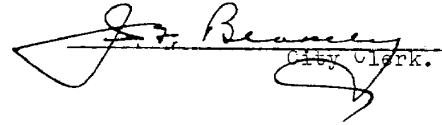
On motion of Mayor Steele, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, plans and specifications for a building to be erected at the corner of Stockton and Locust Streets to house the California State Employment office were approved and construction ordered to proceed.

Councilman Bull presented an offer from Mr. L. T. Mason for the sale of 2.8 acres lying immediately east of Lodi Lake Park. Mr. Bull stated that the sum asked, \$7,500. could be paid off in time payments at six per cent interest.

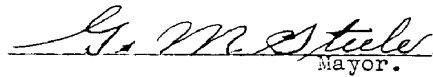
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On motion of Councilman Weihe, the City Council
then adjourned.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.

The foregoing minutes of a
regular meeting of the City
Council of the City of Lodi
were read at a subsequent
meeting of said City Council
held May 15, 1940 and read
without alteration or correction.


Mayor.